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Editor—"A country that steals another's military secrets cannot be trusted," reports Mrs. Florence Whitney (Letters, February 20). And I would hasten to agree.

However, it grieves me to have to add that the ~~USA~~ CIA—Central Intelligence Agency—which has, as part of its regular duties, the job of stealing military secrets from other countries.

I hope Mrs. Whitney's trust in our great Nation will be able to survive this knowledge—though she may find it necessary, as I have, to differentiate between the Nation itself and certain aspects of its government.

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